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INVENTION: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the accompanying application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 1, after the title and before the heading, "Background of the Invention," please insert the following:

-- RELATED APPLICATION DATA

The present application claims priority to Japanese Application No. P10-351623 filed December 10, 1998, and is a divisional of United States Application Serial No. 10/191,151, filed July 9, 2002 which is a divisional of United States Application Serial No. 09/457,133, filed December 9, 1999 now issued United States Letters Patent No. 6,470,039, issued on October 22, 2002, all of which are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.--